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3. (U) MILITARY TRAINING - ARMY MANEUVERS IN PATAGONIA
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15. DIRC: NO - ~~NOFORN TO AVOID EMBARRASSMENT TO HOST GOVT~~

16. SUMMARY: (U) THIS IR FORWARDS INFORMATION ON ARMY MANEUVERS IN SOUTHERN ARGENTINA.

Sec. 3.3(b) (1)

2. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ Sec. 3.3(b) (1) ARGENTINE TERRITORY SOUTH OF ESQUEL WAS IMMENSE AND THE ONLY MAJOR UNIT IN THE REGION WAS THE IX INFANTRY BRIGADE AT COMODORO RIVADAVIA (4252S-6730W). AT BEST%, THE BRIGADE'S 3 INFANTRY REGIMENTS COULD MANEUVER ONLY A SMALL SECTION OF THE TERRAIN. WHEN ASKED IF ADDITIONAL ARMY UNITS WERE BEING MOVED TO THE SOUTH, HE STATED THAT THEY WERE NOT NOR WAS THE GENDARMERIA REINFORCING ITS BORDER POSTS. HE DID ADD THAT FOUR NEW COMPANIES WERE BEING FORMED, AND WOULD BE ORGANIC TO THE IX BRIGADE (SEE IR (b)(3):10 USC 424

3. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ SOURCE COMMENTED THAT THE CHILEANS HAVE REDEPLOYED A DIVISION FROM THE AREA NEAR THE PERUVIAN BORDER. HE ADDED THAT THE MANEUVERING OR ARGENTINE TROOPS IN PATAGONIA IS DESIGNED TO SHOW THE FLAG AND RATTLE THE SABER.

COMMENT: ~~(C)~~ SOURCE'S ADVICE TO REMAIN OUT OF THE ZONE NEAR ESQUEL WAS A REAL SURPRISE. IN THE PAST, THERE HAVE BEEN NO TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS FOR ATTACHES WHEN CONNECTED WITH VACATION. IT IS CURIOUS THAT THE ARMY IS BEING SO SECRETIVE ABOUT MANEUVERS IN THE SOUTH SINCE SOONER OR LATER THE WORD WILL LEAK OUT. ALTHOUGH THE AREA HAS NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY PUT OFF LIMITS, IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT IT WILL BE IN THE FUTURE.

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